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# Hungry for God

**Act of faith.** Is he an extremist or a true Catholic? Miguel Ortiz is in the middle of a planned seven-day hunger strike for a meeting with the Philly archbishop to discuss why his church was closed. PAGE 02

Miguel Ortiz is on a hunger strike in honor of his closed church, La Milagrosa. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

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# Catholic begins hunger strike for closed church

**La Milagrosa.** While Catholics preps to welcome pope, Miguel Ortiz denies himself food in memory of parish.

Miguel Ortiz, 44, in his home where has been fasting since Sunday for a meeting with Philly Archbishop Charles Chaput. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Not only Jews were fasting Wednesday.

While Yom Kippur, the Jewish New Year, was marked with a single day of fasting, Catholic Miguel Ortiz, 46, was on his third full day and counting of a fast in honor of the church that took him in when he came from Mexico to the U.S. 20 years ago — La Milagrosa, which closed in 2013.

Before beginning the hunger strike Sunday, Ortiz, 44, and fellow members of shuttered churches participated in an 18-mile walk past all the parishes that have closed in Philadelphia in recent years due to the pastoral planning process.

"They broke my spirit; now we will see if they can break my body," he said that day, still full of energy.

Ortiz's last meal was a thermos of chicken and rice he ate outside the Cathedral Basilica before attending evening mass that Sunday, where he took communion. Since that wafer, he has not eaten and has subsisted only on liquids, he said Wednesday, looking noticeably weak.

"The church was our family," said Ortiz, who met his wife, Ramona, there. They and their two daughters live just blocks away from the church, which has recently reopened as condominiums. "The odds of getting it back are nearly impossible."

He plans to fast until Pope Francis holds Mass in Philadelphia on Sunday — seven days — or until Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput agrees to meet him and members of other closed parishes.

La Milagrosa, located at 1903 Spring Garden, was founded in 1912 and was the oldest Latino church in Philadelphia.

It technically belonged to the Vincentian Fathers, based in Spain, which announced it could not afford to pay for the church anymore in 1978.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia took over maintaining the building and provided Spanish-speaking priests, but when the Fathers chose to sell the building in 2012, the Philly Archdiocese could not afford to buy the church. Instead, they moved Spanish speaking services to the Cathedral Basilica.

But Ortiz believes speaking with Chaput would make a difference.

"If we establish a healing dialogue, that's what we need. All that will take is for Archbishop Chaput to acknowledge me, to look me in the eyes," he said. "The proposition I'd like to bring is, 'Please let us work with you.'"

Ortiz knows that his church might never reopen. He and his family now travel around the city for Mass at various churches that offer services in Spanish. But he does have a vision that there could be a plague in memory of La Milagrosa — or that the archdiocese could help some of the other parishes that have closed around the city, like St. Joachim's in the Northeast or St. Peter Claver's in Center City, to merge into new parishes. A spokesman for the archdiocese said it was not aware of Ortiz's hunger strike or desire to meet with the archbishop.

Ortiz said he and his family are doing this for elderly former parishioners of La Milagrosa — women like Inaida Fernandez, 83, a senior who lives across the street from the closed church but no longer attends Mass, but came to see Ortiz when he stopped there to pray Sunday.

"I just think of Inaida. She doesn't go out. How can she get tickets to see the pope?" Ortiz said. "Hopefully this will bring some kind of change. It's something that has to be done."

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## Blessings. FYI, watching does not count as being at Mass

Getting a good seat to see Pope Francis matters.

St. Matthew's Church in Northeast Philadelphia has reminded parishioners that watching Pope Francis celebrate Mass on television does not relieve Catholics of their obligation to attend weekly services.

"Viewing Mass from a separate location on the Parkway, while spiritually beneficial, does not satisfy your Sunday obligations," the church tells parishioners.

Translation: If you have to watch the Mass on a Jumbotron, it doesn't count as going to Mass.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops notes that televised worship benefits the sick and the elderly — but does not alleviate the responsibilities of the faithful.

Rutgers-Camden English professor William FitzGerald, whose scholarship focuses on the language of prayer, says Catholic worship has a physical dimension.

"The body of Christ is present in the believers gathered together," he said. "And we also receive the body of Christ in physical form."

FitzGerald remembers being on the Ben Franklin Parkway for Pope John Paul II's visit to Philadelphia in 1979 — standing so far away he couldn't see the pontiff.

"I was thinking to myself, 'We're so far away. Are we really at Mass, or are we standing on a street corner?'"

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## Heaven help us: the pope issue

What would you say about Philly if you had the chance for a one-on-one with Pope Francis? That's what we asked the public, and their answers are reported this week, along with a cover story that reports on Pope Francis' messages about unbridled consumerism alongside interviews with those who are selling pope bobbleheads and plush dolls during his visit.

This week's City Paper cover
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In Music, writer Shaun Brady talks to saxophonist Chris Oatts, who comes from a long line of big-band musicians. He and his Uncle Dick play Chris' Jazz Café this weekend.

Theater critic David Anthony Fox weighs in on Anna Zeigler's "Photograph 51." Can Lantern Theater Co.'s production do it justice?

In Food, reviewer Adam Erace finds a lot to like at Andy's Chicken, the new Fishtown takeout joint slinging Korean fried chicken and bulgogi.

And food editor Jenn Ladd visits Era, an Ethiopian bar/restaurant in Fairmount, for the watering-hole review column "Pint Sighs." CITY PAPER

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Nick Scott and Aubree Marchione perform for American DanceWheels at York College. - CUNY. / PROVIDED

# Wheelchair dancer to perform for Pope Francis

**An act of inspiration.** Wheelchair dancer Nick Scott and partner Aubree Marchione will perform Saturday.

A wheelchair-bound dancer set to perform for Pope Francis on Saturday says learning the tango — and other ballroom dances — has helped him continue to push the boundaries of what he thought was possible.

"I realized I was trapped in myself," said Nick Scott, of Ottowa, Kan., who lost the use of his legs 17 years ago after a car accident. "I felt like a freak and I felt like people stared at me."

That realization didn't lead directly to dancing. It led him to bodybuilding. He's a champion in the sport and one of the most prominent wheelchair bodybuilders in the country.

"I felt like the one thing I could be was stronger than everyone else," Scott said.

In 2009, he met Aubree Marchione at the Arnold Festival — a bodybuilding expo in Ohio named for Arnold Schwarzenegger. She was a host of the event, he was a sponsored athlete.

Marchione, a choreographer and artistic director of a nonprofit dedicated to wheelchair dancing called the DanceWheels Foundation, was already immersed in the world of helping people in wheelchairs learn to dance.

She checked out Scott's website.

"A lot of his fitness routines were very musical," Marchione said. "I thought he would be a good dancer."

Marchione said when disabled people learn to dance, the benefits are huge — weight loss, better coordination, more confidence.

"There are people like Nick that go out there and have the confidence to go out there and do stuff," Marchione said. "Then there are others — it's hard to talk them into taking a dance class or even touch other people."

Marchione and Scott, along with two other couples, will dance for Pope Francis on Saturday at about 5:25 p.m.

And yes, there will be a tango. Francis is from Argentina, after all.

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Pope Francis speaks on the South Lawn of the White House. / GETTY IMAGES

# Pope Francis focuses on environment, poverty and migrants

**Speech on the White House South Lawn.**
The pope lauded President Barack Obama's efforts to reduce air pollution.

**Quoted**

**"It seems clear to me also that climate change is a problem which can no longer be left to a future generation. When it comes to the care of our common home, we are living at a critical moment of history."**

Pope Francis

Pope Francis on Wednesday urged the United States to help tackle climate change and touched on other divisive U.S. political issues such as immigration and economic inequality on his first visit to the world's richest nation.

In an era of renewed racial tensions in the country, the 78-year-old Pope invoked America's best-known civil rights leader, the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., to make points about the environment and equality.

Speaking later to American bishops, Francis acknowledged the sexual-abuse scandal that has tainted the U.S. church for years by saying these "crimes" should "never be repeated."

As Washington streets were closed and federal workers stayed home, about 15,000 people gathered in bright sunshine on the South Lawn. They heard the pope depart from his usual practice and give a speech in English.

He again made a gesture of simplicity, pulling up in the small black Fiat he used for his arrival in the capital Tuesday.

Francis is a frequent critic of the damage caused to the world's poor and the environment by capitalism's excesses.

The pope also commented on immigration and religious freedom, both issues that are on candidates' agendas in the run up to the 2016 presidential election.

Obama, whose plans for a climate-change bill were thwarted in Congress early in his presidency, said he shared the pope's concerns about the environment.

"Holy Father, you remind us that we have a sacred obligation to protect our planet — God's magnificent gift to us. We support your call to all world leaders to support the communities most vulnerable to a changing climate and to come together to preserve our precious world for future generations," Obama said.

Francis and Obama held talks in the White House, where they also discussed refugees. Both men see eye-to-eye on climate change and defense of the poor but hold different views on abortion rights and gay marriage.

Francis gave his support to traditional marriage, pointing out that he will travel to Philadelphia later in his six-day visit to the United States for a meeting of Catholics "to celebrate and support the institutions of marriage and the family." REUTERS

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# Pope tells bishops crimes of sexual abuse should never be repeated

**Bishops.** They welcomed the pope's inclusion of the scandal in his address to them.

Pope Francis on Wednesday told U.S. Roman Catholic bishops that crimes of sexual abuse of minors by clergy should never be repeated, acknowledging the damage caused by years of scandal in the U.S. Catholic Church.

In the remarks, delivered at Saint Matthew's Cathedral in Washington on the first full day of his visit to the United States, the pope did not utter the words "sexual abuse" but referred to the scandal by talking about "difficult moments" and providing help for victims.

Wounds from the scandal, which saw priests who abused children moved from parish to parish instead of being defrocked and reported to authorities, are still festering and draining church finances.

The U.S. church has already been dealt a heavy financial blow by settlement payments and other costs totaling around $3 billion, which has forced it to sell off assets and cut costs.

The pontiff has vowed to root out "the scourge" of sexual abuse from the Catholic Church, and last June created a Vatican tribunal to judge clergy accused of covering up or failing to prevent sexual abuse of minors.

On Wednesday, David Clohessy, head of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, who himself was sexually assaulted by a priest as a child, said he was unimpressed by Francis' words.

Bishops listen to Pope Francis speak during the midday prayer service at the Cathedral of St. Matthew in Washington, DC. / GETTY IMAGES

**Quoted**

**"I know how much the pain of recent years has weighed upon you, and I have supported your generous commitment to bring healing to victims ... and to work to ensure that such crimes will never be repeated."** Pope Francis

"It's dreadfully disappointing. Bishops have been cowardly, not courageous, and still are," Clohessy said in a phone interview. "What grudging, belated steps they have taken have been forced on them by the most courageous people in this crisis: abuse victims and their families."

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As many as 100,000 children may have been the victims of clerical sex abuse, insurance experts said in a paper presented at a Vatican conference in 2012.

Clohessy said Francis "refuses to even be honest about what this crisis is. These are not quote-unquote 'difficult moments,' this is a centuries-old, incredibly unhealthy and self-surviving pattern of secrecy and recklessness."

The reports of abuse and the coverup first became big news in 2002. Victims' groups say the church has not done enough. REUTERS

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## 2 Charleston to honor shooting victims with street dedication

A South Carolina city on Wednesday is honoring the victims of a shooting massacre by renaming part of the street in front of the historic black church where they died the "Mother Emanuel Way Memorial District."

Nine people were shot and killed at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston when a gunman opened fire during a Bible study session.

African Methodist Episcopal bishops planned to join hands in front of the church, nicknamed Mother Emanuel, to dedicate a sign over the street the church faces for the new district. **REUTERS**

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## Boeing to sell 300 jets to China firms, set up China plant

Boeing has signed deals to sell 300 aircraft to three Chinese firms and set up an aircraft plant in China, becoming the first U.S. firm to clinch a business tie-up in the country since Chinese President Xi Jinping began a U.S. state visit.

The deals, potentially worth tens of billions of dollars in total, are the largest order the aerospace firm has received from Chinese companies.

ICBC Financial Leasing Co., a unit of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, separately confirmed it will buy 30 of Boeing's 737-800 jets, worth $2.88 billion at list prices. REUTERS

## France urges Saudi Arabia to cancel death penalty for young Shiite

France called on Saudi Arabia not to execute a Shiite Muslim sentenced to death for his role in antigovernment protests, saying he was a minor when he was arrested.

Ali al-Nimr was given the death penalty in May after taking part in demonstrations three years ago for democracy and equal rights in Saudi Arabia's oil-producing Eastern Province.

"France is concerned about the situation of Ali Mohammed al-Nimr, who was sentenced to death even though he was a minor at the time of the events," Foreign Ministry spokesman Romain Nadal said.

France does not usually comment on death penalty cases in Saudi Arabia due to their frequency. REUTERS

## Pandora says it has paid $500M in artist royalties in past year

Internet radio service Pandora Media Inc. said it paid nearly $500 million in artist royalties over the past 12 months, bringing the total to more than $1.5 billion in about 10 years.

"It took us nearly nine years to generate the first billion dollars in royalties and just over a year to increase that total by 50 percent," Chief Executive Brian McAndrews said in a statement on Wednesday.

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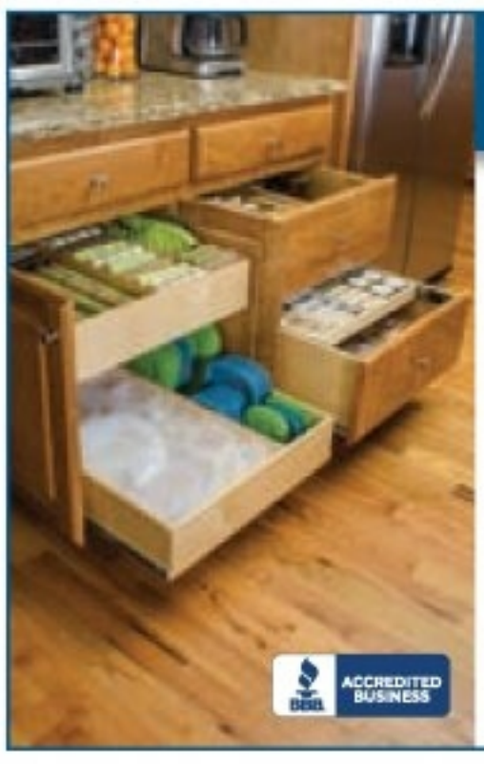
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# World's biggest carmaker. Volkswagen boss quits over diesel emissions testing scandal

Volkswagen Chief Executive Martin Winterkorn resigned Wednesday, taking responsibility for the German carmaker's rigging of U.S. emissions tests in the biggest scandal in its 78-year history.

"Volkswagen needs a fresh start — also in terms of personnel. I am clearing the way for this fresh start with my resignation," Winterkorn said following a marathon meeting with the executive committee of the VW board.

The world's biggest carmaker admitted to U.S. regulators that it programmed computers in its cars to detect when they were being tested and alter the running of their diesel engines to conceal their true emissions.

Volkswagen did not name a successor but said proposals on management appointments would be made to a full board meeting Friday. Tagesspiegel newspaper, citing sources close to the board, said earlier Winterkorn would be replaced by Matthias Mueller, who heads the company's Porsche sports car business.

MARTIN WINTERKORN / GETTY IMAGES

Mueller, a former head product strategist, is also a management board member of Porsche SE and is close to the Piech-Porsche family, which controls Volkswagen.

Winterkorn, who during his eight years in charge oversaw a doubling in Volkswagen's sales and an almost tripling in profit, said he was shocked that misconduct on such a massive scale had been possible at the company, adding that he was not aware of any wrongdoing on his own part.

The carmaker was under huge pressure to take decisive action, with its shares down more than 30 percent in value since the crisis broke.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel had urged Volkswagen to move "as quickly as possible" to restore confidence in a company held up for generations as a paragon of German engineering prowess. REUTERS

**Penalties**

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# Kendall Jenner, teen queen of dating rumors

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While we're waiting for Orlando Bloom to chime in on whether or not he's been playing kissy-kissy with Kendall Jenner, at least one older dude linked to Not Kylie is going on the record. "Fantastic Four" star Michael B. Jordan tells GQ, "Kendall's a friend of mine, you know? I don't know her, like, that well, but I know her enough. People's perspective on that is what it is. I don't f—ing know." So, there you have it?

# Amy Poehler on the market again

But you guys seemed so cool together!

Can we blame all these celebrity breakups on the impending holiday season, or is it too soon for that? You know, like how if you're not sure about a relationship, the last thing you want to do is start worrying about Thanksgiving plans? Anyway, I'm not saying that's what's behind Amy Poehler's split from Nick Kroll after two years of dating, but it's a pretty good theory, right? Or this: "Unfortunately, they just couldn't make the relationship work with their schedules," a source tells Us Weekly. "They really tried, but it just wasn't realistic anymore. They were spending more time apart than together." Sure, but for some couples that's actually a plus.

# Can J.Lo stop the release of her old home movies?

Jennifer Lopez's first husband, Ojani Noa — you probably don't remember him — has a bunch of home movies from way back when, and he and business partner Ed Meyer are eager to let them loose on the world. How rude. "We are going to produce a DVD and also have a streaming release of the J.Lo home-video footage," Meyer says, according to InTouch. "There is revealing video of her with a lack of clothing and in sexual situations, especially in the hotel footage from the honeymoon." Lopez, Noa and Meyer have been locked in a legal battle for more than six years, but Lopez withdrew all of her claims against them over the summer. "The videos contain salacious material and are going to shock her fans," Meyer adds. "We have unfinished business." He sounds charming, doesn't he?

Could it be any worse than "The Boy Next Door"?

# THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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# How do we stop the 'Prometheus' sequel?

OH, RIDLEY.

Hey guys, Ridley Scott has a new movie coming out — "The Martian" — which means he's been doing a bunch of interviews catching people up on all those sequels he's been threatening to make, like his ill-advised follow-up to "Blade Runner." Even more disconcerting? He's apparently serious about continuing the terrible "Prometheus" franchise, sending the disembodied head of Michael Fassbender back to work early next year. "Fassbender will do ['Prometheus 2'] with me, and it's meant to start production in February," Scott tells Deadline. "I'm in prep now. I'll either shoot in [Australia] or [Canada]." Could I suggest a third option, like shooting it "not at all"? That would be swell.

Daily video

## Milkshake Squirrel steals Shake Shack from NYC garbage

YOUTUBE

Move over, Pizza Rat, there's a new, more adorable food-stealing vermin on the scene. This must be the season for spotting animals making desperate bids for discarded food, because this squirrel liberating a Shake Shack milkshake from a trash can is super-cute. It's clearly so into the thick, sugary bounty that it doesn't mind some up-close camera work. And it doesn't take long for the onlookers to dub him "Shake Squirrel," despite their concerns about his impending tummy ache.

# 2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

**Today, Seth Rogen is telling it like it is, Jeremy Piven is having trouble separating fiction from reality, Elijah Wood has needs, Patty Duke remembers and Chris Colfer is eager for work.**

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**RIP Yogi Berra. So many memories of a great man come to mind.**

**@chriscolfer:**
**Can I go on Drunk History?**

# Viola Davis is on top of the world

**Interview.** The "How to Get Away With Murder" star has a few things to say to people who think her character isn't likable.

Viola Davis made history in her first leading role on network television. After one season, she became the first African-American woman to win an Emmy for best actress in a drama for her portrayal of the brilliant but tortured Annalise Keating in "How to Get Away With Murder." But it hasn't all been easy. Davis says she's heard criticism that Annalise isn't likable enough, which isn't what she wants to hear.

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"It frustrates me a little bit because I feel that people don't understand what it means to be an actor. I don't think James Gandolfini or Robert De Niro in 'Taxi Driver' or 'Dexter' or James Spader — I don't think they get asked that. I think that people just accept the character. They accept what they're being given, and they actually reward them because they feel like it's complicated," says Davis. "It's only women that you want to be pretty and likable."

And that thought process isn't just from random commenters on the Internet complaining.

**Quoted**

**This is the first time Davis has stayed with a character this long. Asked if she's enjoying the long-term work on Annalise, she says, "I am," before adding with a laugh, "Ask me that in another three years."** Davis

"I remember I read a review, too, where someone wrote, 'I don't think I'll continue to watch "How to Get Away With Murder" because she's not pretty, and she's not likable,' and I thought to myself that nobody will ever address that as being their stuff," says Davis.

"They'll put it on the actor. And me as an actor, that's not my responsibility. If I make her likable, then I'm pushing an edit button, and that's not what you're supposed to do as an actor. You don't press an edit button."

"How to Get Away With Murder" returns tonight at 10 p.m. / MITCHELL HAASETH, ABC

But the likability problem extends beyond just asking that Annalise be more charming. People seem to really like the villainous characters that Gandolfini and other male actors have brought to life, and Davis says that affection is influenced by gender.

"They will forgive their mess. We understand that men at the end of the day are flawed. A man can have 50 affairs, but still there's something charming about him. But a woman, like in 'Fatal Attraction,' who's having sex with a married man is a bitch. There is something about women that we want to stay virtuous," she says.

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**Going there**

## Powerful TV

Davis also influences what ends up on the show — it was her idea to have Annalise take her wig off onscreen in the first season, and she hopes to see more scenes that address everyday life for people of color. "The most revolutionary things you can do are the most simple. And I think taking the wig off, having a scene with a mother talking about sexual abuse, a mother [and] a woman of color, putting me between her legs and doing my hair, all those things, no matter what people say, you've never seen it on TV. You just haven't. You haven't seen me on TV. That's what excites me, that [creator] Pete [Nowalk] is willing to go there."

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# Changes in Shondaland

"Grey's Anatomy" returns tonight at 8 p.m. on ABC. / RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

**Interview.**
Ellen Pompeo says "Grey's Anatomy" is going to come back stronger than ever.

It's not every show that can recover from the loss of one of its two romantic leads, but that's just what "Grey's Anatomy" will be trying to do this fall. While the show has been popular over the years for many reasons, a large part of its early success was certainly due to the chemistry between leads Ellen Pompeo and Patrick Dempsey. After Dempsey's beloved McDreamy was written off last season, Pompeo will now be carrying on without him, but she thinks it's good for the show to go through this transition.

"I always say this. In order for a one-hour drama to continue, there have to be big upheavals. Every time we've lost a major character — we've had such amazing characters on the show — and every time we've lost one, it's been devastating and sad, and you think, 'How can the show go on?' but that's how the writers find inspiration," explains Pompeo.

For a show that's been on the air for over a decade, that can inject some necessary new life into everyone who works on the show. "It always feels completely new, which is why it's easy to keep going," says Pompeo of the atmosphere once a cast member exits.

"Grey's Anatomy" has gone through some high-profile departures over the years, between the firing of Isaiah Washington after an on-set altercation and Katherine Heigl leaving after criticizing her character's storylines. But Pompeo has stuck by the show and creator Shonda Rhimes throughout, and when asked if she wished Dempsey had been written off in a different way, she answers, "I never question Shonda, ever. What she's doing is clearly working!"

That might mean a new romantic interest for Meredith Grey, who's scrambling in the wake of the death of the love of her life. As to the prospect of a new love, "As long as Shonda comes up with it, I'm down for whatever idea she comes up with. She always comes up with great ideas."

With that in mind, she says, "I know that the focus this year is going to be how you move on in the face of tragedy, and [Meredith's] got three kids, and I guess to dive into her kids and work is the most logical place."

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**One more thing**

## A lighter touch

After all the tragedy at the end of last season, Pompeo says this season will likely be a little less dark. "Shonda really wants this season to be a lot lighter," she explains. "We have some cute interns and some fresh blood, so I think you have to mix it up. We were dark, now we have to go light. You have to keep changing to keep the audience engaged."

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# R. Kelly's musical 'Buffet'

**Interview.** Whether "Ignition" will always be your jam or you're more of a "Trapped in the Closet" fan, R. Kelly says there's something on his new album for everyone.

Few musicians can claim a fan base as diverse as R. Kelly's. Hardcore rap fans love him. Hipsters love him. Even '90s babies who are too young to have seen "Space Jam" have him on their party playlists. Kelly may be 48 years old now, but he hasn't slowed down at all. When we call him at 10 a.m., he's still up from the night before. "I'm still in the studio," he says. "I didn't go to sleep and wake up for this, so you caught me at a great time."

Kelly is headlining The Liacouras Center tonight, promoting his 15th studio album, "Buffet," which comes out tomorrow.

"It's called 'Buffet: All You Can Hear' because it's a little bit of everything I've done throughout my career," he explains. "It's a party album, and it's a sexy album. You can party and then after the party, you can go to the after-party, if you know what I mean."

## Speaking up

While "Buffet" delivers on the party songs, it also has a serious side to it. "Planet" is a reaction to the violence and riots that took place in Baltimore this past spring. "With this album, I knew people would want a new party song, a new lovemaking song and other songs that would bring the world together, but in the midst of trying to do that, unfortunately, we had all these tragedies happening all around the world," Kelly says.

"As artists, sometimes we get so frustrated and wish we could do something about it. What we can do is get in the studio and try to write a song that will hopefully plant a seed that will grow more love."

## On why hipsters love him

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for fans to hear the new songs, he says his concerts feature plenty of his older hits. "I love old-school R. Kelly," he says. When he thinks about his music career and legacy, he says he's right where he always wanted to be.

When asked why his music appeals to so many millennials and hipsters, he says, "I never wanted to make songs that were here today, gone tomorrow. I want my songs to [continue] to be played after I'm gone. That has always been my goal, and that's why I think I have so many different types of people at my concerts and listening to my music."

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**Taurus** Protect your assets, and don't let anyone coerce you into making a loan. Stick with people you respect and those who aren't trying to get anything.

**Gemini** Your straightforward way of expressing yourself will enable you to effectively sell your ideas. Present your plans to influential people.

**Cancer** Prepare to act quickly if you want to take advantage of a tempting offer. The deal won't be on the table for long.

**Leo** Don't lash out in anger just because you are upset, or a rift will form. Think before you speak, and voice your opinions without making insults.

**Virgo** Don't give up just because the people around you are being negative. Present your ideas to those appreciative of you and what you have to offer.

**Libra** Travel will be an eye-opener. Don't miss out on an opportunity to visit other countries or attend cultural events.

**Scorpio** Family matters will be overwhelming. Seek out an experienced counselor if you are having trouble coping.

**Sagittarius** Get out and socialize. You can be the life of the party, but your attentiveness to a casual acquaintance will make someone you love jealous.

**Capricorn** With the right info, you will make a profitable investment. Don't do joint ventures. You will experience less stress doing deals on your own.

**Aquarius** Don't let insecurity prevent you from turning over a new leaf. You have the unique ability to adapt to any situation.

**Pisces** Steer clear of gossip. There is nothing to be gained by listening to or passing along false or damaging information. **EUGENIA LAST**

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6 Microwaves
10 Strike ignorer
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16 Lobby call
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18 Midnight opposite
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32 "Peer Gynt" composer
33 Meaningless
36 Mao — -tung
39 Waterfront event
40 In a carefree way
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42 Like a bairn
43 Ballroom number
44 Ostrich feather
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48 Squelches
51 Codgers' queries
52 Awkward
54 Hepburn's quartet
59 Swell, as a river
60 Perfume bottle
62 Municipal
63 Pharaoh's god
64 Advantage
65 Where Valletta is
66 Brain, maybe
67 Crash, so to speak
68 Win every game

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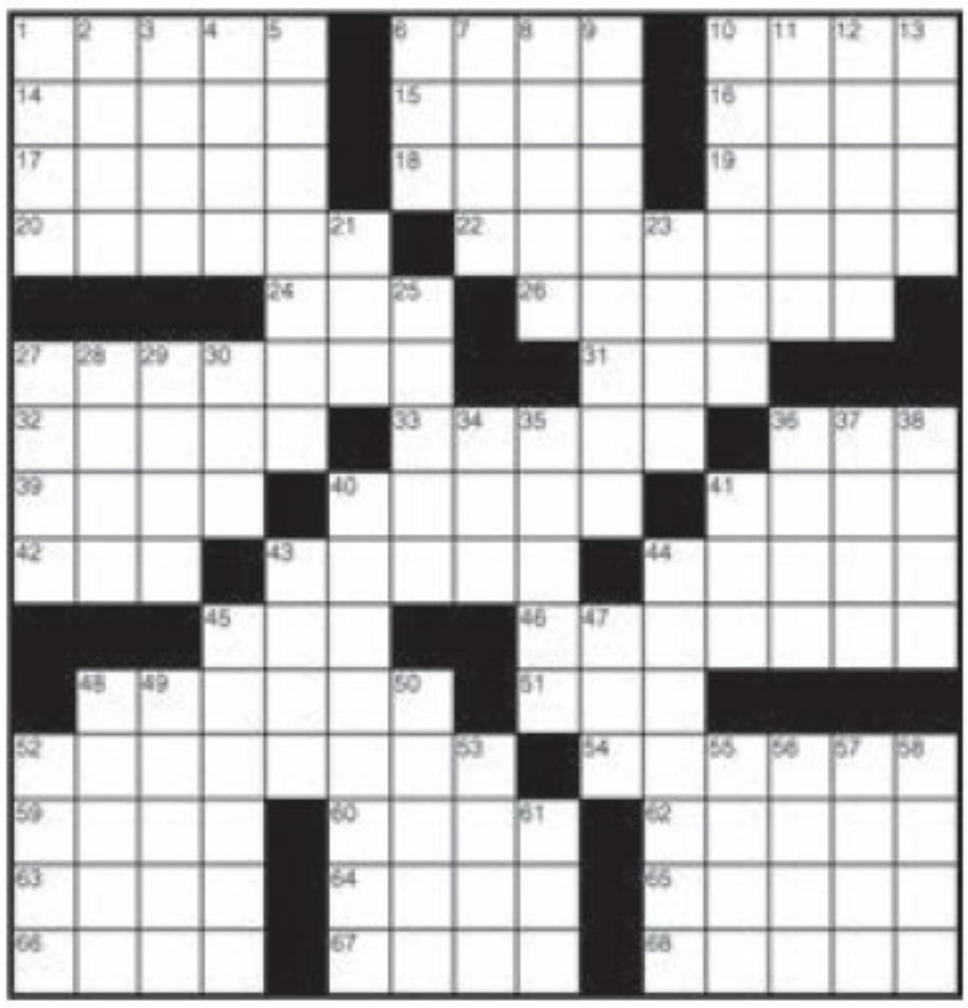

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After months of #PopeinPhilly speculation and trepidation, we're predicting a festive atmosphere as Philadelphians breathe a sigh of relief that it's finally happening — which means it's finally almost over. For locals and tourists alike, here are the choice spots to celebrate the pope's arrival like the sinners we are: with food and booze. For the very latest updates on what's popping, head to Twitter and search #OpeninPHL. RACHEL VIGODA

### Popepalooza on the river

Waterfront spot Morgan's Pier (221 N. Columbus Blvd.) is getting into the charitable spirit with Popepalooza, Friday to Sunday. Toast Pope Francis with $3 lagers, $4 Victory Festbiers, and pope-themed beers Holy Wooder from Philadelphia Brewing and Cape of Good Hope from Yards. For every person who shows up, the restaurant will donate a dollar to one of three charities.

### Eat like an Iron Chef

Almost all of Jose Garces' Philly spots will be open this weekend, so make your dinner reservations for tapas at Amada or Tinto, seafood at The Olde Bar, Mexican plates at Distrito, burgers and elevated pub fare at Village Whiskey or the $35 World Families Menu at Garces Trading Company. The restaurants will be offering 10 percent off for locals Friday to Monday; just show proof of your address.

### Pope party at POPE

The Pub on Passyunk East — known as the POPE — is hosting a block party on the 1100 block of Dickinson Street on Saturday and Sunday with food specials, games, live music and a cardboard cutout of Pope Francis just waiting to grace Instagram with you. Limited-edition beers will be available, including Philadelphia Brewing's Holy Wooder and Saucony Creek's Pope Dennis the Phyrst.

### Pope crawl

Your first drink is free at this daylong Pope Pub Crawl, kicking off Saturday at noon. For $10, you'll also get drink specials like $4 Miller Lites and $6 shots, and a map to guide you to the 20-plus participating bars. Find full details at Upcomingevents.com. We're all for a little celebratory day drinking, but the world is watching: Be your bro's keeper and make sure no one embarrasses us, Philly. The afterparty is at Coda.

### Raise a keg

Monk's Café (264 S. 16th St.) is already known for its Beer Bible, the extremely long list of brews — some familiar, a lot you've never heard of — so we would expect nothing less than this weekend's Pope-Pourri. Beginning on Saturday at 11:30 a.m., Monk's is featuring 24 rare, "religiously inspired" brews on draft. But, much like the papal visit, this special is fleeting: There's only one keg of each.

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# The heart of Montreal

Philly restaurateur Brendan Hartranft went in a different direction for Coeur. CAROLINE RUSSOCK

Coeur was inspired by the Quebec city's unpretentious passion for food.

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When news broke that restaurateurs Brendan Hartranft, Leigh Maida and Brendan Kelly were opening a French-Canadian restaurant in the former Mildred space just off the Italian Market, it was pretty easy to assume gravy and cheese curd-topped fries, Quebecois craft drafts and savory, Montreal-style meat pies would be on the menu. But the inspiration behind Coeur, which opened last week, goes much deeper than the trio's solid roots in Philadelphia beer bar ownership.

The story goes back a year and a half, when Hartranft was in the last stages of chemotherapy. Even with a wife (Maida), two children under the age of 5 and three restaurants (Memphis Taproom, Local 44 and Strangelove's), Hartranft, then bedridden, found himself with a lot of downtime on his hands. He started rifling through cookbooks by major Montreal players.

Once his health was restored, Hartranft and Maida made the trip up north. "Last time we were up there, Leigh was pregnant, so we couldn't really enjoy it to the excessive degree that we would have liked to. So we decided on a post-chemo trip," he says.

The couple ate their way through the city, at places like Lemeac, a classic bistro with a decidedly Quebecois lean, and Buvette Chez Simone. "It's just a rotisserie," Hartranft says. "But they have a nice wine list, super tasty chow, super excited servers. It's a really vibrant atmosphere and all they do is chicken."

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>
> Hartranft, on the new Coeur

Coming back to Philly, they wanted to translate the vibrancy of Montreal and its passion for food, while embracing the lack of pretense.

"There seemed to be a loose, casual nature to [Montreal] that we found really refreshing," Hartranft says. "World-class food and those guys just making it seem like, 'Yeah, why wouldn't it be amazing?'"

Coeur is the kind of place where you can have a full dinner with a bottle or two of wine, or stop in for a dozen oysters on, say, midday Monday.

"There's nothing as decadent as going on the chains on a Monday. Oysters in the middle of the afternoon while everyone is working?" Hartranft says.

## Concert

Madonna plays the Wells Fargo Center on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

# Before the pope, there's Madonna

The world has known Madonna for over three decades, but she's showing audiences a side that she herself barely remembers.

On her Rebel Heart tour, which comes to the Wells Fargo Center tonight, Madonna is just as likely to be dancing on top of a pole dancer (yes, you read that right) as she to be solo in a spotlight, playing a guitar. Her voice remains in top form, while the show wisely leaves the physical theatrics to her spectacular backup dancers.

Don't think Madonna is going indie singer-songwriter though; Rebel Heart crams in every place on Madonna's fantasy itinerary. The new album, plus back-catalog hits like "Music" and "Material Girl," take her through India, Mongolia, among Japanese geishas and a bullfight in Spain, the Gatsby-era splendor of New York and smoky 1950s Parisian nightclubs. The Material Girl certainly hasn't lost her penchant for excess, but Rebel Heart shows she's found what's at the root of it: love.

After the show gets some raunchy soul-searching out of the way — because what's a Madonna concert without erotic blasphemy? — Rebel Heart mellows into a casual weekend on Madonna's stoop, whiling away the end of summer with good friends and songs we've all been singing together forever.

Whether living for love brings happiness or heartache, Madonna makes clear that she's going to keep doing things her own way: The concert's big opening set piece leads into "Bitch, I'm Madonna," and the closer comes just after "Unapologetic Bitch." (This is the song to watch for Taylor Swift-style cameos). Wearing her Rebel Heart on her sleeve is as brave as any of her groundbreaking videos from the '80s — and just as inspirational.

EVA KIS

## Listings

### Pope Up: Pope-Inspired Art

**Saturday**
**Globe Dye Works**
**4500 Worth St.**
**Free, 215-288-4554**
**www.globedyworks.com**
This is your last chance to catch the exhibit of papal-themed sculptures from a variety of artists, ranging from the traditional to the wacky. It's part of the Fringe Festival.

"Frank Visits Philly" by Patrick Cabry. BLAISE TOBIA

### The Pope's Favorite Films: 'La Strada'

**Thursday, 7:40 p.m.**
**Prince Theater**
**1412 Chestnut St.**
**$8 - $10, 215-422-4580**
**www.princetheater.org**
This 1954 Italian drama, directed by Federico Fellini, tells the story of the young Gelsomina, forced into a relationship with circus strongman Zampano. But when she attempts to escape and encounters The Fool, Gelsomina realizes she doesn't need to continue playing second fiddle to her husband.

### Pontification: A Week of Bad Habits

**Through Saturday, 10 p.m.**
**The Trestle Inn**
**339 N. 11th St.**
**Free, 267-239-0290**
**www.thetrestleinn.com**
Trestle is hosting nightly parties: Thursday is the Fallen Angel Disco Dance Party with Shearn and Del, the Save Your Soul Dance Party is on Friday with Sir Racha, and Saturday sees the Dancing in Heaven Dance Party with DJ September. Drink specials include $5 Heaven and Helles Citywide.

### Cabaret Verite III: Our Family Meeting

**Saturday, 8 p.m.**
**William Way LGBT Community Center Ballroom**
**1315 Spruce St.**
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Way down south in the Caribbean Sea, and with some of the best beaches in the region, Aruba is an island you don't want to miss.

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Like its neighbors, Aruba has plenty of sun, sand and sea, but that's where the similarities end. Because where other islands have lush green landscapes, Aruba is desert-like, home to cacti, arid-air-loving aloe plants and divi-divi trees.

Being so far south — a day at sea if you're cruising from Miami or Puerto Rico — it escapes the hurricane belt. Whether visiting in summer or winter, the temperature will average 82° and the humidity will be low.

Aruba is one of the Dutch ABC islands (along with neighboring Bonaire and Curacao), colonized by Holland in the 1600s and still an outpost of the Netherlands. That's how the capital, Oranjestad, got its name and came to be full of the gabled houses that are commonplace in Amsterdam. Only in Aruba, the facades are brightly colored.

Aruba's beaches are a big attraction, but step a few feet into the water and there's a world of colorful corals and fish to explore. Catamaran trips take you to the best reefs, but why not have a go on a Seabob underwater scooter that powers you through the ocean? Nonswimmers can don a diving helmet and walk underwater through shoals of tropical fish.

For those who prefer to keep their feet dry, Jeep, ATV (all-terrain vehicle) or Harley Davidson motorbike tours are a fun way to see the sights. Top stops include the California Lighthouse, a 100-year-old beacon named after the USS California, which was wrecked nearby, and the Casibari Rock Formations, a cluster of boulders where Arawak Indians, the island's first settlers, used to listen for approaching thunderstorms. Or saddle up and enjoy the arid landscapes on a horseback ride.

Oranjestad, an easy walk from the cruise port, has shopping, casinos and lively restaurants serving local specialties, including Dutch pancakes, of course.

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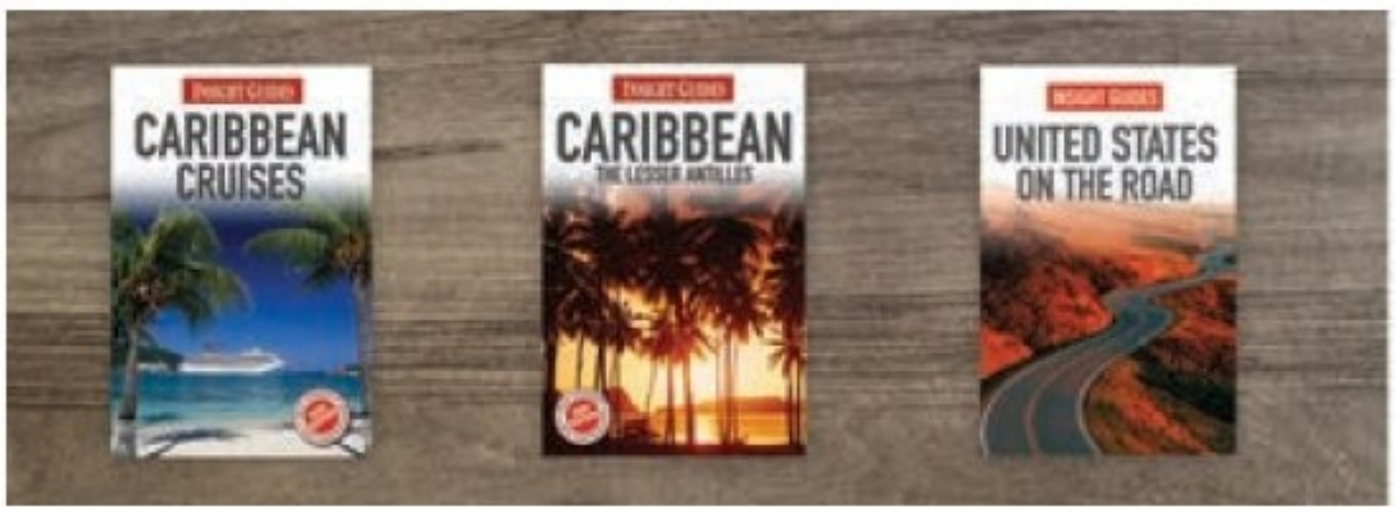
## Beaches you won't want to miss

- **Arashi**, at the northernmost tip of the island, is the locals' favorite. It's about 20 minutes by taxi but well worth the journey. The sand is soft, the water is calm, and the snorkeling is excellent.
- **Eagle Beach**, 10 minutes by taxi or bus from the port, is good for sunning and swimming. The beach also has jet skis, banana boats and tennis.
- **Palm Beach**, 15 minutes' drive from the port, is a favorite with families for its white sand, calm waters, easy snorkeling and a backdrop of resort hotels with bars, restaurants and shopping.

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# Medvedev could give Flyers a major upgrade on defense

**NHL.** The Russian defenseman has plenty of size and speed.

Yevgeni Medvedev, left, with the Russian national team. / GETTY IMAGES

When general manager Ron Hextall signed Yevgeni Medvedev to a one-year, $3 million deal over the summer, it hardly registered on the Flyers' Richter scale. Little was known about the 33-year-old Russian defenseman who had spent his entire career in the Kontinental Hockey League.

The sampling size is obviously still minuscule, but he could be exactly what the Flyers need on the blue line. At 6-foot-3, 187 pounds, Medvedev adds size but without sacrificing speed. He is deceptively fast, covers the ice well in his own zone and has a quick outlet pass.

With Kimmo Timonen sidelined with blood clots last season, the Flyers sorely lacked a defenseman that could either carry or clear the puck and start a rush. Through the first two preseason games, Medvedev has shown he can aptly fill the role.

"I see a confident player," said Flyers coach Dave Hakstol, who made his home debut in a 5-3 victory over the Rangers on Tuesday. "He is an intelligent player, he has excellent hockey sense, he's got good play-making ability and has an escape-ability to him to elude forechecks. And he can push the puck up ice."

In the preseason opener against the Islanders on Monday, he made an excellent first impression overall and assisted on Vinny Lecavalier's power-play goal. He followed the performance up by scoring his first goal on the power play behind a missile from point against the Rangers.

"When the opportunity comes up to take a shot, I am going to take it," Medvedev said through a translator.

He skated alongside Michael Del Zotto against the Islanders and had fellow Russian — and 2015 first-round draft pick — Ivan Provorov as his partner against the Rangers. He played 21:52, which only trailed Mark Streit for ice time.

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# Villanova faces Penn in city battle without QB Robertson

**NCAA.** Bednarczyk was impressive when he was called upon last week.

Taking a page straight out of Hollywood, Villanova's Zach Bednarczyk saw an All-America quarterback go down Saturday, grabbed his helmet and ran onto the field, then led his team to an improbable victory.

Now, just five days later what can the redshirt freshman do for an encore when he gets the call as the Wildcats, ranked fifth in the FCS, take on local rival Penn in a game moved up from its original Saturday start to accommodate Pope Francis' visit? Based on the way Bednarczyk rose to the occasion late in the fourth quarter of 'Nova's 28-21 win over CAA rival Delaware, he shouldn't need any divine intervention.

Taking over when 2014 Walter Payton Award winner John Robertson went down awkwardly with a knee injury that will sideline him indefinitely, the kid from Wallington, New Jersey, was spectacular, throwing for 57 yards and a key fourth down touchdown to Kevin Gulyas, then romping 21 yards for the winning score — followed by the two-point conversion with 2:35 left. It all happened so fast, the 6-foot-1, 200-pound Bednarczyk didn't even have time to think about it.

"I just grabbed my helmet and ran on the field," said Bednarczyk, who'll be backed up Thursday night by fellow freshman Bradley Jackson. "My teammates were saying, 'We've got you.'

"I get reps with them every day, so it's not like we're strangers."

Still, practice reps are one thing. This was with the game on the line.

"I can't say enough about Zack Bednarczyk," said coach Andy Talley, who'll likely have to go without not only Robertson but other key players on both sides of the ball. "To come in cold like that and do what he did is probably as good a quarterbacking job as we've had here in my years.

"Now, given we have injuries, we have a Herculean task with a short week to get ready for this game. We have to get Zack comfortable with the game plan immediately."

While Gulyas, who got to know Bednarczyk when they roomed together this summer, says he had the utmost confidence in the kid, things figure to be different tonight when he lines up. Not only won't Bednarczyk be coming in cold, he'll be facing an opponent that will have prepared specifically for him. An opponent that might smell a chance to snap a 14-game losing streak vs. 'Nova that stretches all the way back to 1911 — yes, 104 years. The Quakers will be coming off a 42-21 loss to Lehigh in which quarterback Alek Torgersen threw for 336 yards and two touchdowns.

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**The slate**

A look at what's on tap for Villanova football:

- Tonight vs. Penn (7 p.m., Comcast Sports Net)
- Oct. 10 vs. William & Mary (12 p.m.)
- Oct. 17 at Albany (3:30 p.m.)
- Oct. 24 at Towson (7 p.m.)
- Oct. 31 vs. Maine (7:30 p.m.)

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Bills quarterback Tyrod Taylor has 84 yards rushing in two games so far this season. / GETTY IMAGES

## Swim with the stream

In Week 1, Carson Palmer, Marcus Mariota, Alex Smith, Andy Dalton and Nick Foles were all top 10 quarterbacks. In Week 2, that top 10 list included Colin Kaepernick, Derek Carr, Tyrod Taylor, Palmer and Joe Flacco. The point is that we can add quarterbacks off the wire each week in plus situations and gain a top 10 expectation. So if you've lost Tony Romo, Drew Brees, Jay Cutler, etc., take a long look at your wire and think about matchups. The Michael Vick-esque Taylor gets the Dolphins, Giants and Titans the next three weeks.

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